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Curtis P. Ribando

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In re application of:

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Applicant : Teruko Osumi et al.

Title : Solanum Bulbocastanum Late Blight
Resistance Gene and Use Thereof

Filed : August 20, 2003

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- Executed Power of Attorney - PTO Form PTO/SB/81 (2 pages)
- Statement by Inventor - Kent F. McCue (1 page)
- Statement by Inventor - Kenneth L. Deahl (1 page)
- Consent of Assignee to the Addition of Inventors (6 pages)

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AMENDMENT TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment which adds inadvertently omitted co-inventors.

Amendment

On the first or title page of the application, following the name of Mary M. MacCree, please add the names of Kent F. McCue and Kenneth L. Deahl.

Remarks

Applicants request that inventorship of the above-identified application be amended to include additional inventors who were inadvertently left off the patent application when filed. The additional inventors are Kent F. McCue and Kenneth L. Deahl.

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This oversight was done without any deceptive intent. The error was first brought to the attention of the undersigned after review of the inventorship by Applicant Belknap upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance received by Applicants on November 7, 2005. Accordingly, attached please find a statement from the added inventors, Kent F. McCue and Kenneth L. Deahl, to that effect.

The executed Declaration (Form PTO/SB/01) as required by 37 CFR §1.63 for the added inventors, Kent F. McCue and Kenneth L. Deahl, is attached hereto along with the executed Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent (Form PTO/SB/81). Also attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet which sets forth the required inventor information.

Written consent of the assignee of record, The United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is attached hereto, as well as the relevant CFR sections, and the Delegated Authority to OTT. Applicant Osumi has not assigned her rights to any other party and it is believed that she has no obligation to do so.

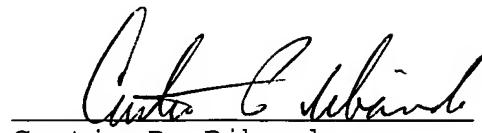
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Conclusion

If there are any questions, the undersigned agent earnestly requests a telephone conference.

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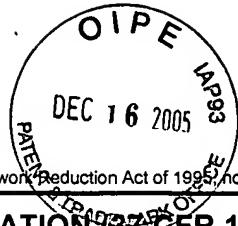


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I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)	
Inventor one: <u>Teruko Osumi</u>	
Signature: <u>Teruko Osumi</u>	Citizen of: <u>Japan</u>
Inventor two: <u>William R. Belknap</u>	
Signature: <u>W. R. Belknap</u>	Citizen of: <u>US</u>
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Inventor three: <u>David R. Rockhold</u>	
Signature: <u>David R. Rockhold</u>	Citizen of: <u>US</u>
Inventor four: <u>Mary M. MacCree</u>	
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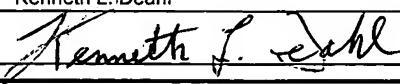
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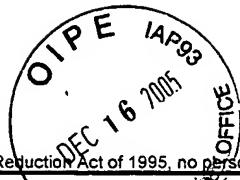
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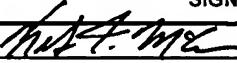
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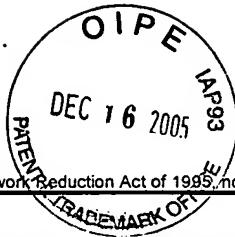
Signature		Date	12/16/05
Name	Kent F. McCue	Telephone	510-559-5796
Title and Company	Research Geneticist - US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service		

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Signature		Date	12-07-05
Name	Kenneth L. Deahl	Telephone	301-504-5131
Title and Company	Research Plant Pathologist - US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service		

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STATEMENT BY INVENTOR

Kent F. McCue

Sir:

I, Kent F. McCue, do hereby affirm that on my part there was no deceptive intention in the inadvertent omission of my name as an original inventor of the above-identified application. After consultation between co-inventor William Belknap and Agent of Record Curtis Ribando, it was concluded that I had contributed significantly to the invention as presently claimed and was, in fact, a co-inventor.

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STATEMENT BY INVENTOR

Kenneth L. Deahl

Sir:

I, Kenneth L. Deahl, do hereby affirm that on my part there was no deceptive intention in the inadvertent omission of my name as an original inventor of the above-identified application. After consultation between co-inventor William Belknap and Agent of Record Curtis Ribando, it was concluded that I had contributed significantly to the invention as presently claimed and was, in fact, a co-inventor.

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Attached to Amendment to Correct Inventorship



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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO THE ADDITION OF INVENTORS

Sir:

The Assignee of record for the above-identified application, The United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, hereby consents to the addition of Kent F. McCue and Kenneth L. Deahl as co-inventors of said application.

14 Dec. 2005
Date

Richard J. Brenner, Ph.D.
Assistant Administrator
Office of Technology Transfer

Enclosures:

Relevant CFR Sections

Delegation Authority to OTT



37 CFR§2.65 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.21(a)(1), (a)(3) and (a)(5) through (a)(7), subject to reservations in §2.21(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service:

- (1) Coordinate USDA policy relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.) and coordinate the Department's Integrated Pest Management Programs and the Pesticide Assessment Program (7 U.S.C. 136–136y).
- (2) Conduct research related to the economic feasibility of the manufacture and commercialization of natural rubber from hydrocarbon-containing plants (7 U.S.C. 178–178n).
- (3) Conduct research on the control of undesirable species of honeybees in cooperation with specific foreign governments (7 U.S.C. 284).
- (4) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, the causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).
- (5) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and to the dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).
- (6) Conduct research and demonstrations at Mandan, ND, related to dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of the dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421–422).
- (7) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423–424).
- (8) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production, marketing (other than statistical and economic research but including research related to family use of resources), distribution, processing, and utilization of plant and animal commodities; problems of human nutrition; development of markets for agricultural commodities; discovery, introduction, and breeding of new crops, plants, animals, both foreign and native; conservation development; and development of efficient use of farm buildings, homes, and farm machinery except as otherwise delegated in §§2.22(a)(1)(ii) and 2.79(a)(2) (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1627, 1629, 2201 and 2204).
- (9) Conduct research on varietal improvement of wheat and feed grains to enhance their conservation and environmental qualities (7 U.S.C. 428b).
- (10) [Reserved]

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7 CFR 2.106

§ 2.106 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to § 2.30 (a), (c), and (g), subject to reservations in § 2.30a, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Science and Education to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service:

(1) Coordinate USDA policy relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.) and coordinate the Department's integrated pest management programs and the pesticide assessment program (7 U.S.C. 136-136y).

(2) Conduct research related to the economic feasibility of the manufacture and commercialization of natural rubber from hydrocarbon-containing plants (7 U.S.C. 178-178n).

(3) Conduct research on the control of undesirable species of honeybees in cooperation with specific foreign governments (7 U.S.C. 284).

(4) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, the causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(5) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and to the dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(6) Conduct research and demonstrations at Mandan, ND, and Lewisburg, TN, related to dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of the dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421-422).

(7) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423-424).

(8) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production, marketing (other than

Operations, and the General Counsel prior to issuance.

(58) Administer the Department's Patent Program except as delegated to the General Counsel in § 2.31(g).

(59) Provide management support services for the National Agricultural Library as agreed upon by the agencies with authority to take actions required by law or regulation. As used herein, the term management support services includes budget, finance, personnel, procurement, property management, communications, paperwork management, ADP support, and related administrative services.

(60) With respect to land and facilities under the Administrator's authority, exercise the functions delegated to the Secretary by Executive Order No. 12580 (3 CFR, 1987 comp., p. 193) under the following provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("the Act"), as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601 et. seq.):

(i) Section 104 (a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604 (a), (b), and (c) (4)), with respect to removal and other remedial action in the event of the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment.

(ii) Section 104 (e) through (h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(e)-(h)), with respect to information gathering and access; compliance orders; compliance with Federal health and safety standards; rates for wages and labor standards applicable to covered work; and emergency procurement powers.

(iii) Section 104(i)(11) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(11)), with respect to the reduction of exposure that presents a significant risk to human health.

(iv) Section 104(j) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(j)), with respect to the acquisition of real property and interests in real property required to conduct a remedial action.

(v) Section 105(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(d)), with respect to petitions for preliminary assessment of a release or threatened release.

(vi) Section 105(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(f)), with respect to consideration of the availability of qualified minority firms in awarding contracts, but excluding that portion of section 105(f) pertaining to the annual report to Congress.

(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations and the granting of awards to individuals providing information.

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund.

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action.

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7 CFR 2.31

§ 2.31 Delegation of authority to the General Counsel.

The General Counsel, as the chief law officer of the Department, is legal adviser to the Secretary and other officials of the Department and responsible for providing legal services for all the activities of the Department. The delegations of authority by the Secretary of Agriculture to the General Counsel include the following:

(a) Consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, (28 U.S.C. 2671-2680), and the regulations of the Attorney General contained in 28 CFR part 14.

(b) Determine, settle, and pay claims submitted by employees of the Department under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claims Act of 1964, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3721).

(c) Certify documents as true copies of those on file in the Department.

(d) Sign releases of claims of the United States against private persons for damage to or destruction of property of the department, except those claims cognizable under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Responsible for the overall management and operation of the Law Library, furnishing complete legal and legislative library services to the Office of the General Counsel and the Department.

(g) Make determinations as to whether employees of the Department may retain commercial rights in inventions; prepare patent applications and prosecute the same before the Patent Office.

(h) Represent the Department in formal rulemaking and adjudicatory proceedings held in connection with the administration of the Department's activities, and decide whether initial decisions of the administrative law judges shall be appealed by the Department to the Secretary.

Delegated Authority to OTT

Patent Program and USDA Patent License Program 7CFR, Section 2.65 (a)(58)

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